

S.-55A.

(April, 1904).

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Form of Engagement or Re-engagement in the Royal Navy under the terms of the Naval Agreement of 1903.

To be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy with Form S.-52.

Christian and Surname in full.	Present Rating.
William Duncan.	Boy Servant.

Date of Birth. (Vide Arts. 359A, 360, and 361 King's Regulations, 1906.)	Place of Birth and where Registered.
11th June 1894.	Footscray Melbourne Victoria

Personal Description at date of this Document.

Height.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, or Marks.	Trade or Occupation.
5.5 ⁵ / ₈ Chest 21 ¹ / ₂	Dark Brown	Grey	Fresh	- Nil -	Boys' Servant

Commencing date of Engagement.....	11th June 1912	Period of Engagement...	5 years
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Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage.	24th November 1911	In case of re-engagement, date and period of previous engagement.....	
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Length of residence in Australia immediately preceding this date	Colonial Born.
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DECLARATION ON ENTRY FROM SHORE FOR SERVICE.

In accordance with Article 360 of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, 1906, the following questions are to be put by the Captain to the person about to engage, whose answers are to be recorded hereon:—

- 1.—Are you a British Subject? Yes.
- 2.—Have you ever served in H.M. Navy, Army, Army Reserve, Marines, Militia, or in His Majesty's Indian Military Forces, or in any Colonial Naval or Military Force? If so, state which * ... } No.
- 3.—Do you now belong to any of the Forces enumerated above, or the Naval Reserve? } No.
- 4.—Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service, or discharged from it on that account? If so, state reasons of rejection, or discharge, and date ... } No.
- 5.—Have you ever been dismissed from any of the Forces enumerated above? ... } No.
- 6.—Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes.

*Particulars of service in any of these forces or in the Merchant Service should be forwarded into Office with this Engagement.

ENGAGEMENT OR RE-ENGAGEMENT FOR MEN IN THE ROYAL NAVY, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE NAVAL AGREEMENT OF 1903.

Date _____ 191

This is to certify that we have examined the person named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for His Majesty's Navy, and we find as follows:—He is of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, free from all physical malformation, active and intelligent; and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

 _____ } Captain
 or
 Commander.
 _____ } Medical Officer.

I _____ do solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the foregoing questions are true, and I do hereby agree to serve honestly and faithfully in the Royal Navy for five years from * _____ provided my service should be so long required, as witness my hand this _____ day of _____ 19

.....Man's Signature in full or Mark.

Witnesses to }
 Signature or Mark. }

2.—CERTIFICATE FOR BOYS.

24th November 1911

This is to certify that we have examined the boy named on the other side hereof, as to his fitness for His Majesty's Navy, and we find as follows:—He is a well-grown, stout, intelligent lad; of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, and free from all physical malformation; and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

The consent of his parents or friends has been obtained in writing, † and they are willing and desirous that the boy should be entered for five years' service from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till he attains that age; and the boy himself is willing and desirous to enter the Royal Navy under these conditions, as attested by his signature attached hereto, and declares that he is not indentured as an apprentice, and also that to the best of his knowledge and belief the answers to the questions on the other side hereof are true.

Witnesses to }
 Signature, in full. }
 } *William Duncan* Boy's Signature in full.
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 } *Charles Blaine* Captain or Commander.
 } *J. G. Lightfoot* Lieutenant. N.
 } *Staff Surgeon* Medical Officer.

3.—RE-ENGAGEMENT FOR SERVICE.

To be executed by men who have not been out of the Service since the expiration of their first engagement.

The particulars indicated on the other side are also required when this Form is used.

I _____, now serving as a _____ on board H.M.S. _____ who on the _____ of _____ 19, engaged to serve in H.M. Navy for a period of Five Years, under the terms of the Naval Agreement of 1903, do hereby engage to serve for a further period of Five Years from ‡ _____ provided my services should be so long required.

.....Man's Signature in full, or Mark.

Witness,

.....Captain.

*Insert the date from which the Engagement actually commences.
 †The document conveying the consent to be attached to this paper.
 ‡Insert the date of commencement of the re-engagement which must either be coincident with, or (when the re-engagement is antedated) earlier than the date of execution. Vide Art. 393, Cl. 4, of the Regulations, 1906.

Agreement relative to Deferment of Colonial Allowance.

To be signed by all Men and Boys entered under the Naval Agreement of 1903, and on Re-engagement, and to be attached to Form S. 55 A.

Until the expiration of my Engagement, or until I obtain my discharge, if previous to the expiration of that Engagement, I do hereby agree to defer the withdrawal of my Colonial Allowance from the States Savings Bank, except such amounts as shall be approved by my Commanding Officer to be withdrawn for the benefit of bona fide dependent relatives, as witness my hand this Twenty fourth day of November 1911

William Duncan Man or Boy's Signature in full, or Mark.

Witness Mrs Dowler Staff Paymaster

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CONSENT PAPER.

(This Paper is required in all cases where the Candidate is under the age of 17 years, in addition to the Certificate of Birth or Declaration.)

* Strike out "son" or "ward" as the case may be.

I hereby certify that my ~~son,~~^{ward} William Duncan has my full consent (being himself willing) to enter His Majesty's Navy for a period of Twelve Years' Continuous and General Service, from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary until he attains that age, agreeably to the Admiralty Regulations.

Boys from Industrial Schools and Industrial School Ships are entered, in exceptional cases, on special submission by the Superintendent of the School.

My ~~son~~^{ward} has not been an inmate of an Industrial School or an Industrial School Ship.

He has not been in a Reformatory, nor has he been sentenced to imprisonment.

I declare that he has never had fits.

† No alteration or erasure is to be made in the date of birth given.

The Date of the Boy's Birth is, † 11th June 1894

His Religious Persuasion is, Church of England

Witness my hand at Schild St. Yarraville

21st day of November 1911 I certify that I am aware that the boy's Mother is dead & that he has no Parent or Guardian.

† Parent's Signature in full H. L. Raymond
vicarage

† Parent's Address Schild St. Yarraville,
† Guardian's

† Must be signed by the Father, if alive, or satisfactory explanation made.

Strike out "Parent's" or "Guardian's" as the case may be.

In the case of a Guardian see other side.

I, the above named Wm Duncan do consent to enter

His Majesty's Navy and do declare that I am not Indentured as an apprentice.

§ Boy's Signature in full William Duncan

Signed by the said [Here write Boy's name] Wm Duncan

And [Here write Parent or Guardian's name] H. L. Raymond

David Boyd

In the presence of { Witness to signatures of Boy, and Parent or Guardian.

52 Goulburn St. Yarraville Address.

N.B.—The Boy and Parent or Guardian must sign in the presence of the Witness to their signatures.

CERTIFICATE.

|| Strike out "Parent" or "Guardian" as the case may be.

** Strike out "he" or "she" according to sex of Parent or Guardian.

† The assertion of the boy himself should not be taken as sufficient warrant for this statement

I certify that I am personally acquainted with this Boy's || Parent, and am †aware** he she has consented to the Boy's entry as above, and I believe the particulars stated herein to be true.

A R Raymond Clergyman of the Parish,

or _____ Resident Householder }

Occupation. }

The George Yarraville Address.

Nov. 21st 1911 .

Particulars to be stated, if possible, in the case of a Boy whose Father is dead.

Date of the Father's death _____.

Place of death _____.

Signed _____ Mother.

Particulars to be stated, if possible, in the case of a Boy whose Parents are both dead.

Date of Father's death _____.

Place of death _____.

Date of Mother's death 8 August 1904.

Place of Mother's death Yarraville.

Signed _____ Guardian.

VICTORIA (AUSTRALIA).

"EXTRACT" OF BIRTH-ENTRY.

Office of the Victorian Government Statist,

RECORDS OFFICE, QUEEN-STREET,

Melbourne, 21 11 1911

Re Application Vol. 548 Fol. 16 (or Corr.)

Memo.

According to the Registers in this Office _____

William, son of
Richard Duncan
& Stella "
née Stiles

was born at Footscray
on the 11th June 1894

The official reference to the entry is No. 12028

of the year 1894

A. M. LAUGHTON,
Government Statist.

M^r W. Duncan

N.B.—The fee for a Search or Extract is 2/6 for Registrations made on or after 1st July, 1853, or 1/- for those made prior to that date. A Certificate of above entry will be supplied for an additional fee of 5/-. In all correspondence bearing on the entry, the Application No. (Vol. and Fol. or Corr.) must be quoted.

Uncertified "Extracts" of Birth are usually sufficient as proof of age for Assurance purposes, Examinations and Appointments (Commonwealth, State, and Private), requirements of the Factories' and Old-age Pensions' Acts, and for dealings in the Titles Office; but for Legal purposes and for transmission to places outside Australia and New Zealand "Certificates" are necessary.